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Rejection Of Polish Demand By Israel

Jerusalem, Dec. 21. Israel has rejected Poland's demand for the recall of the Israeli Minister in Warsaw, Dr. Arieh Kubovy, it was disclosed here today.

The Israeli Government has already rejected a Czech demand for the recall of the Minister, who is also accredited to Prague.

The demands were made following the recent trial of former Czech leaders on espionage charges, when it was alleged that Mr. Kubovy had engaged in a conspiracy with Rudolf Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czech Communist Party.

Poland's note, delivered to the Israeli Legation in Warsaw on December 8, charged that Mr. Kubovy exploited his diplomatic position to the detriment of Poland.

Israel's rejection in a note delivered yesterday described the allegations as unfounded and contrary to the truth.

The exchange of notes was made public by a Foreign Ministry spokesman who said that Israel still considered Mr. Kubovy to be her envoy in Poland.

In refusing Czechoslovakia's demand last week, the Israeli Government refused point by point Czech allegations that the Minister had interfered in the country's internal affairs.

Mr. Kubovy is at present in Switzerland. (Warsaw Radio said last night that Poland had accused the Israeli Legation in Warsaw of activities of an espionage character, and had called for them to be stopped. (The radio said the Polish Government had sent a note to the Legation demanding that it "adhere to and respect the practice and usage accepted in international relations.")—Reuter.

KING HUSSEIN RECOVERING

London, Dec. 21. King Hussein of Jordan is progressing satisfactorily after a long operation and expects to leave the London Clinic in a few days.

The operation on the 17-year-old King was performed on December 13.—Reuter.

LAVISH PRAISE FOR STALIN ON 73RD BIRTHDAY

London, Dec. 21.

East European radio stations today broadcast greetings and paid homage to Marshal Stalin on his 73rd birthday.

Prague radio broadcast a 80-minute greeting from the Government and people and a later bulletin said that "all eyes were directed towards Moscow" on Stalin's birthday. It quoted the efforts of the Czech workers in honour of the day.

Warsaw radio broadcast an eulogy of Stalin and quoted the text of congratulatory telegrams sent by Prime Minister Boleslaw Bierut and the Polish Communist Party to the Polish nation.

The Rumanian news agency reported that everyone attending a meeting in Bucharest last night sent "their ardent love" to Stalin.

East Berlin radio said the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party and the West German Communist Party sent telegrams of greeting to the Kremlin.

Herr Wilhelm Pieck, East German President, had appeared to the people not to celebrate his own coming 77th birthday, but "work to solve the economic tasks facing us," the radio said.

In Moscow, while the radio almost ignored the day, newspapers splashed details of the peace prizes presented in honour of the occasion.

One newspaper, Socialist Agriculture, carried the headline "Long live the great standard-bearer of peace, Comrade Stalin."

In Berlin, East Germans were able to go Christmas shopping in West Berlin as border police at a Soviet zone villa opened the road barrier, which is usually closed on Sundays, because it was Stalin's birthday.

In Vienna a tablet was unveiled on a house where Stalin lived in exile during 1913.

Fifty members of the Soviet delegation which attended the Communist-backed "Congress of the Peoples for Peace," which ended here yesterday, took part in the ceremony. Soviet poet Alexei Surkov made a speech of dedication. Officials of the Austrian Communist Party and other organisations also attended.—Reuter.

LESSONS FOR BRITISH INDUSTRY

London, Dec. 21. The average supervisor in American industry is better informed of the status of his work than his British counterpart, according to a report published today.

The report of the British Productivity Council, on Plant Maintenance, recorded the impressions of a 10-man team which travelled 4,000 miles in the Eastern half of the United States.

The team was impressed by the clarity with which American firms defined the delegation of authority and the sphere of responsibility of each staff member, and advised British management to review their policy in this field.

The leader of the team, Mr. J. B. Stevenson, told reporters that the level of plant maintenance in Britain was roughly the same as in the United States.—Reuter.

Educationalist To Tour The Far East

London, Dec. 20. A British educationalist, Dr. J. A. Noonan, is to visit Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia early next year to advise on methods of language teaching and the training of teachers.

Dr. Noonan, lecturer in the department of language at the Institute of Education, London University, is going under the auspices of the British Council.

He leaves for Thailand on December 31. From February 14 to 23, he will be in Malaysia and in Indonesia until April 5.—Reuter.

Jap Workers To Extend Bases Strike

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Japanese workers employed at the British bases in Kure (Hiroshima Prefecture), Iwakuni (Yamaguchi Prefecture), and Tokyo, today notified the British Forces Headquarters here that they would prolong their walk-out for another 24 hours.

About 14,000 Japanese workers walked out on the early morning of December 19 for 72 hours in support of their demand for a raise of wages and for year-end bonus.

The Japanese leaders said tonight that they will continue the walk-out till Christmas Eve if a satisfactory settlement were not made before that time.—Reuter.

Increase In Oil Production

Chicago, Dec. 21.

The oil industry could supply sufficient quantities of oil to meet all needs of the United States for the foreseeable future, two speakers told the annual meeting here of the American Petroleum Institute.

Predictions of oil supply and demand were made by Mr. John Swearingen, Standard Oil's General Manager of Production, and Mr. John Boatwright, General Manager of Distribution Economics of the Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).

Mr. Swearingen said that domestic production of crude oil would continue to increase during the next 15 years. At the same time the industry would be building up its producing capacity faster than production. "In other words, we shall be finding oil faster than we shall be using it," he said.

Mr. Boatwright, Standard Oil's distribution expert, estimated that the industry in 1957 would be producing about 8,000,000 barrels of crude oil and 1,400,000 barrels of natural gas liquids a day.

"This is an increase of about 2,200,000 barrels over present levels," he said.

"Our forecast indicates that, by the end of 1957, cumulative crude-oil discoveries should reach 120,000 million barrels, with proved reserves standing at 38,000 million barrels—about 13 times the then current rate of production," he said.

Mr. Boatwright also forecast a 40 per cent gain in the total domestic demand for petroleum products by 1957—from 7,042,000 barrels to 10,250,000 barrels daily.—Reuter.

Didn't Turn His Head

Rome, Dec. 21.

Reclus Monari, chauffeur of the Italian Communist chief, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, announced today he would give 10,000,000 lire (£2,750) to the Italian Communist Party from a football pool prize of 54,000,000 lire he won a fortnight ago.

The new lire multi-millionaire said in a message to the party: "It is ridiculous to think that I shall now leave the party and renounce my ideals of social justice."—Reuter.

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Stormy Debate Over New Taxation In France

Paris, Dec. 21.

The French Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, tonight put the question of confidence on a clause in the Finance Bill raising the tax on alcohol by 25 per cent.

The money provided by this additional taxation would go towards additional credits for war veterans and housing.

The clause was proposed by the leftist radical deputy, M. Roger Secrétain, who said that this extra taxation would provide 11,000 million francs more revenue.

M. Pinay was led to make the clause a matter of confidence because he sensed that the overwhelming majority of the National Assembly was favourable to increased credits for veterans and housing.

M. Pinay, in a speech in the Assembly tonight, said he had tried to balance the Budget without extra taxes, but since

the great majority of the Assembly seemed in favour of more credits for veterans and reconstruction, these resources were best met by additional revenue from increased alcohol taxation.

The Government proposed to use 5,500 million francs of the extra revenue on reconstruction and 3,500 million francs on veterans.

The Reconstruction Minister, M. Claudius Petit, said: "France must choose between drink and housing. I want the women of France to know who the deputies are who prefer drink to housing."

THIRD MOTION

The extra 8,500 millions, he said, would provide 12,000 new houses.

This is the third motion of confidence put by M. Pinay: it will be voted after 1 a.m. on Tuesday, as according to the Constitution, 48 hours have to elapse between the tabling of a motion and the vote itself.

The other two votes of confidence will take place on Monday.

Tonight's debate was particularly stormy: there were shouts of "God Save the King" when the Reconstruction Minister attacked various deputies, mostly from the wine-growing areas of southern France, for putting private interests before those of the nation.

Many deputies from these wine-growing areas, whatever their political parties, have said they will vote against the clause.

—Reuter.

Iraq Cabinet Reshuffle

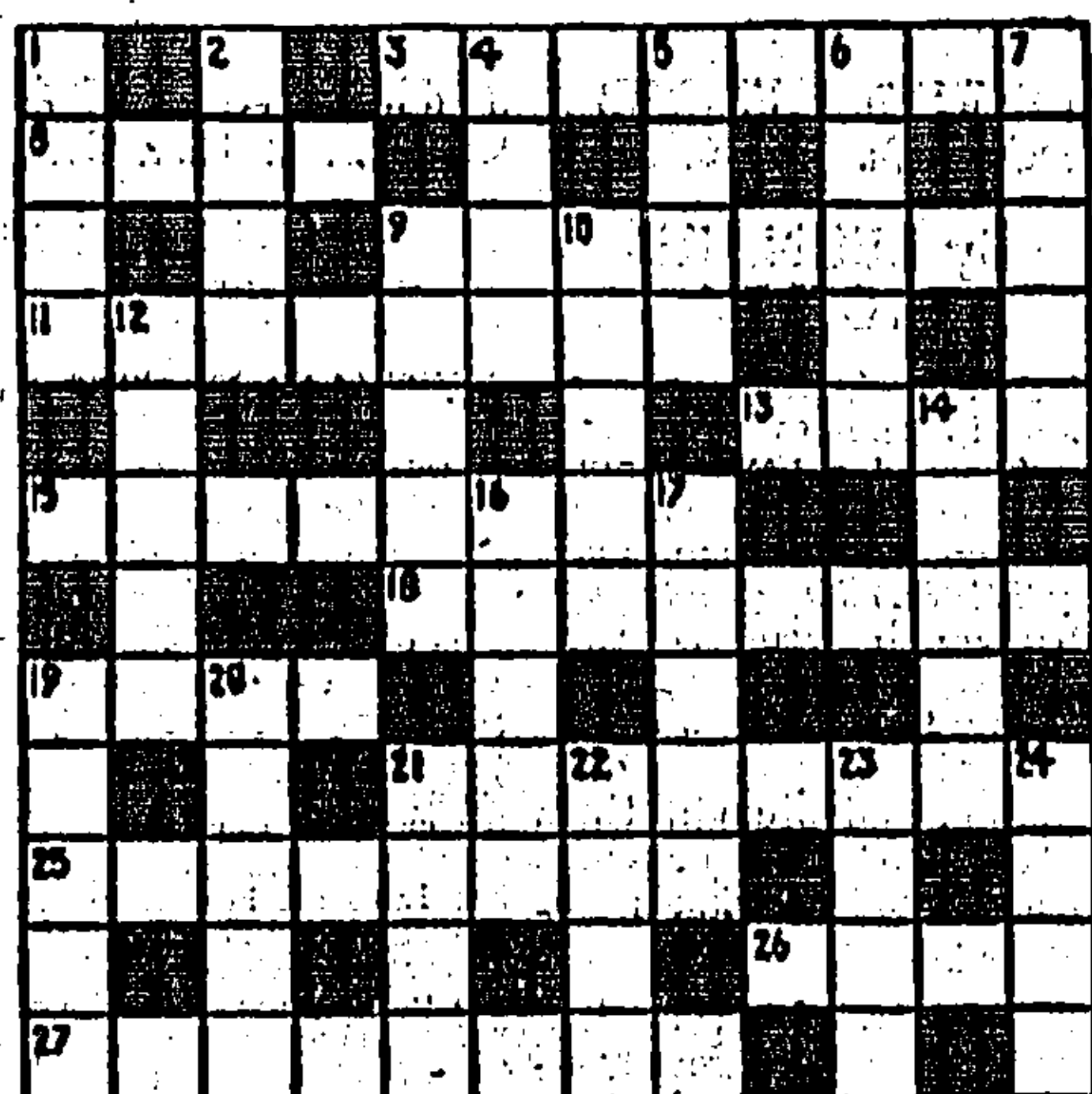
Baghdad, Dec. 21.

Changes were announced today in the Cabinet of General Nureddin Mahmud, who became Prime Minister of Iraq last month after demonstrations against the country's election laws.

Abdul Rahman Jawdat takes over the Ministry of Communications and Works, which Abdul Sasseul Khalil had temporarily combined with the Ministry of Justice.

Majid Mustafa, who combined the portfolios of Social Affairs and Economics, resigned today. Dr. Nadi El Pachachi now becomes Minister of Economics, while Sarid Qazza, Governor of Mosul, becomes Minister of Social Affairs. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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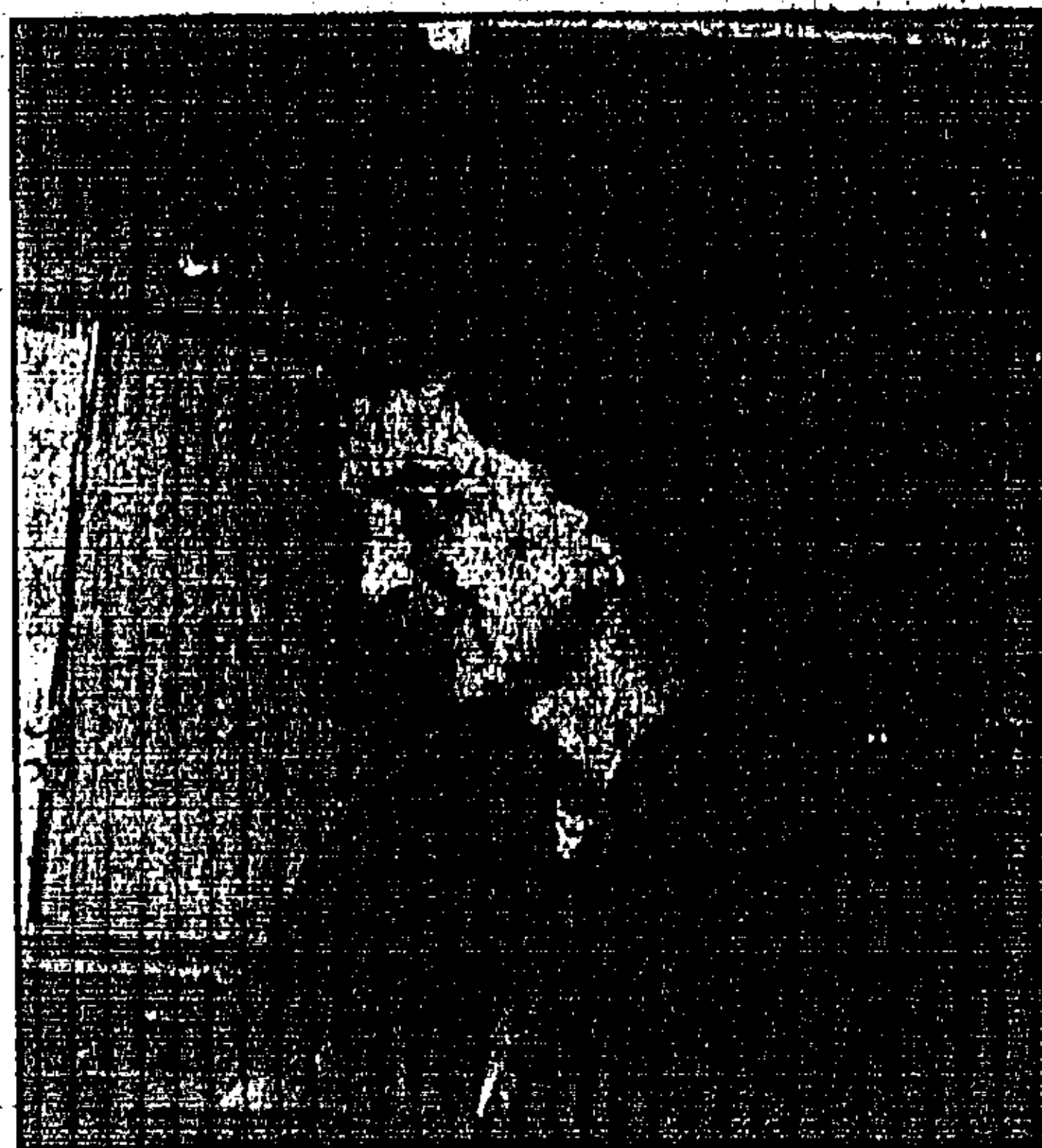
- 3 Game-bird (8).
- 8 Pul (4).
- 9 Fated (8).
- 11 Regards with contempt (8).
- 13 Criticise severely (4).
- 15 Suggests (8).
- 18 Put on the rack (8).
- 20 Snare (4).
- 21 Scatter (8).
- 25 Goes Down (8).
- 26 Gang (4).
- 27 Colonists (8).

DOWN:

- 1 Sour (4).
- 2 Regrets (4).
- 4 Colours (4).
- 5 Performs part (4).
- 6 Cancel (8).
- 7 Even date (8).
- 9 Small piece of turf (8).
- 10 Cut apart (8).
- 12 Mistake (8).
- 14 Asserts (8).
- 16 Substantial (8).
- 17 Ceases (8).
- 19 Jobs of work (8).
- 20 Precincts (8).
- 21 Face (4).
- 22 Prophet (4).
- 23 Wander (4).
- 24 Circulate (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Porter, 4. Doctors, 7. Hanged, 8. Udder, 9. Hurl, 11. Criminal, 13. Agitate, 15. Murder, 16. Rupture, 18. Narrows, 20. Waste, 21. Edifice, Down: 1. Parch, 2. Treat, 3. Reseach, 4. Deduce, 6. Extinct, 8. Spread, 10. Subplots, 12. Renounce, 15. Arrant, 16. Avenue, 18. Reaps, 17. Reals.

Duchess At Palace



The Duchess of Kent, wearing a close-fitting hat, arrives at Buckingham Palace to lunch with the Queen after her return from Greece. Where she spent a short holiday following her extensive tour of the Far East. — Reuterphoto.

British Jews Protest

London, Dec. 21.

British Jews today protested against the "anti-Semitism" shown at the Prague treason trial and declared that anti-Semitic propaganda might bring dangerous consequences upon the broken remnants of Jewry in East Europe.

A meeting sponsored by the Board of Deputies of British Jews passed a resolution in protest against statements made at the trial in which 11 of 14 accused were said to be Jews.

—Reuter.

N. ZEALAND LOAN ISSUE IN LONDON

Auckland, Dec. 21.

A £10,000,000 sterling loan is to be raised in London for New Zealand's big Murrumbidgee project, planned to go into production within three years, the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, announced today.

Mr Holland, back from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference in London, said the loan would be raised at a time to be arranged.

It was not proposed to go on the market for about a year but the money would definitely be available when required.

Mr Holland said: "As an indication of the price we will have to pay for the London funds, the present rate is around 4 1/2 per cent."

The Murrumbidgee pulp and timber project, to be developed on North Island, is believed to be capable of producing 110,000 tons of newsprint annually. —Reuter.

Scrooge In Taipei

Taipei, Dec. 21.

A local newspaper today complained that many people in Formosa were sending pretty expensive Christmas and New Year cards and said this was contrary to the government's austerity programme.

Some greeting cards, it asserted, cost as much as the equivalent of U.S.\$5.00 at the official rate of exchange.

That, said the Hua Pao, was much too much money, an extravagance that could and should well be avoided. —Associated Press.

APPEAL BY ENVOY

Washington, Dec. 21.

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, made a bid today for direct negotiations with his country's Arab neighbours, saying that United Nations mediation had bogged down.

"Israel and the Arab States are now left along to develop their own agreements on their own relationship," the envoy said in a radio broadcast.

Mr Eban denied a charge made recently by Mr Charles Malik, Minister from the Lebanon, that the danger in the Middle East was a threat of aggression from Palestine.

"It is we who offer non-aggression pacts," Mr Eban said. "It is the Arab States who refuse them."

"And yet they say it is they who need assurance against aggression. There is a contradiction here." —Reuter.

Windsors Arrive In America

New York, Dec. 21.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived in the Cunard liner Queen Mary today to spend a few days in New York before going to Tallahassee, Florida, for quail shooting.

The Duke told reporters they would stay in the United States for three or four months. —Reuter.

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Bayonets For Planes; Buffers For Ships SOME QUEER INVENTIONS

London, Dec. 21.

The Patent Office has just celebrated its centenary with an exhibition which threw a spotlight on some curious aspects of human inventiveness.

The main part of the exhibition was of straightforward inventions and historical documents. Officials with a sense of humour devoted another section to curious inventions.

A Mr Charles Blake, for instance, invented buffers for ships just 100 years ago. His idea was that if ships had collisions at sea, the buffers would not only break the impact, but would automatically reverse the engines.

There was a Miss Clara Wells, who invented a method of tapping volcanic power for the use of industry.

The idea, rather difficult to understand, was to set up "centres" in various parts of the world, which would draw volcanic heat into appropriate receptacles, furnished with tubes.

The various wars of the last 100 years produced some particularly curious inventions.

One literally "put the cart before the horse."

ALUMINIUM BEE

The idea was probably a good one in the days when guns were drawn by horses. The inventor of the apparatus explained that it was always better to keep a gun pointed towards the enemy instead of having to achieve this end by turning the horse around.

During the 1914-18 war someone invented bayonets for aeroplanes.

Other queer ideas were a hygienic aluminium bit, complete with trough to catch whatever might fall, reversible trousers and a bell which rang whenever its wearer snored.

A German invented wristbands to "stop the flow of juice down the sleeves when eating cranish."

"VACUUM" CLEANER

One man invented a rocking chair vacuum cleaner before the days of electricity.

The idea was for a husband to be able to sit in his chair, which by a rocking motion would actuate a suction bellows.

This was connected to a pipe with which his wife could clean her carpets.

One of the simplest inventions was by Emily Hunter of Leeds. It was for the preservation of ferns.

Miss Hunter said: "My invention consists in simply freezing the fern in its natural state with a hot iron." —Reuter.

Empress Of Japan's Sister In Italy

Genoa, Dec. 21.

Countess Otomi Tawara, sister of the Empress of Japan, arrived here by sea today from Buenos Aires for a short holiday in Italy.

She was accompanied by her husband, Count Otomi Kuchio. —Reuter.

Pillar-Box Arouses Scots' Ire

London, Dec. 21.

A Glasgow newspaper has received an anonymous telephone call saying that an official at an ironworks producing new pillar-boxes, carrying the "E II R" cipher, and an Edinburgh magistrate who unveiled one of the new boxes recently had been "threatened with reprisals." The caller said:

"Mr P. Ure, of Carron Ironworks, Falkirk, and Bailie James Campbell, of Edinburgh, have already received threatening telephone calls from us in connection with the part they played in the travelling ceremony of the Elizabeth II pillar-box. They have been threatened with reprisals that will follow within thirty-six hours if they ever take part in another such ceremony or if Carron Ironworks ever makes another pillar-box with the numeral 'II'."

"Don't treat this as a joke. The organization which I represent is treating this matter as a trial of strength between us and the Government, and the persons concerned will be made an example of if they do not heed this warning."

The pillar-box was unveiled in Edinburgh a fortnight ago and within 36 hours was daubed with tar. A gelignite bomb, three inches long, addressed to the Postmaster-General, was put in the box. It contained about half a pound of explosive, a detonator, and six inches of white fuse wire.

Pope To Attend A Concert

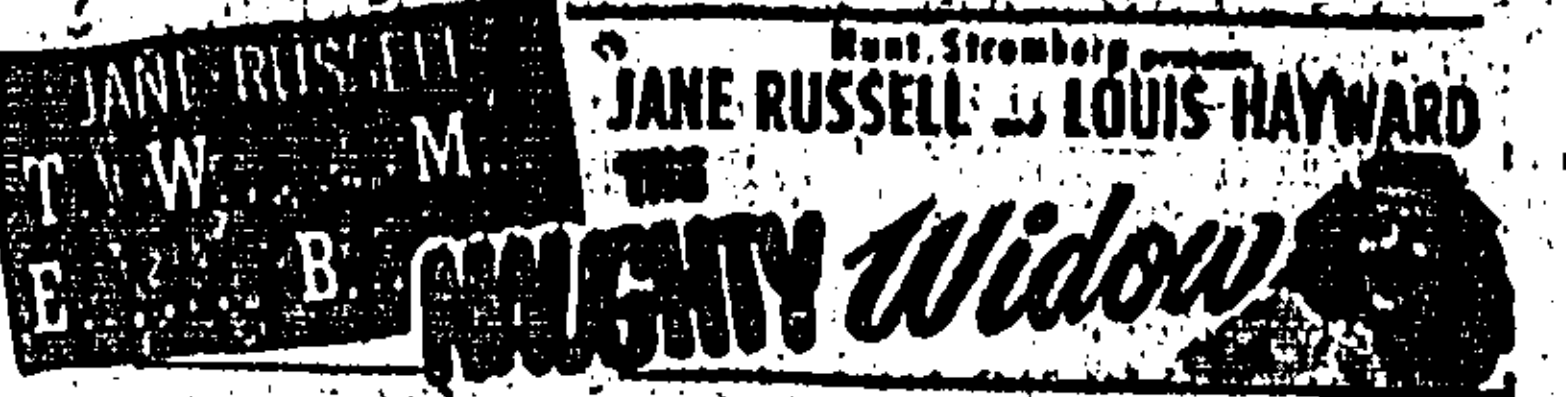
Vatican City, Dec. 21.

Pope Pius XII will in a week's time make one of his rare excursions beyond the bounds of the Vatican City to attend a special concert of Don Lorenzo Perosi, the Master of the Pope's Music.

Maestro Perosi was congratulated today on his 80th birthday by the President of the Italian Republic, Signor Luigi Einaudi.

Maestro Perosi has been in charge of the Sistine Chapel choir for 54 years. His official title is Perpetual Director of the Pontifical Choir. —Reuter.

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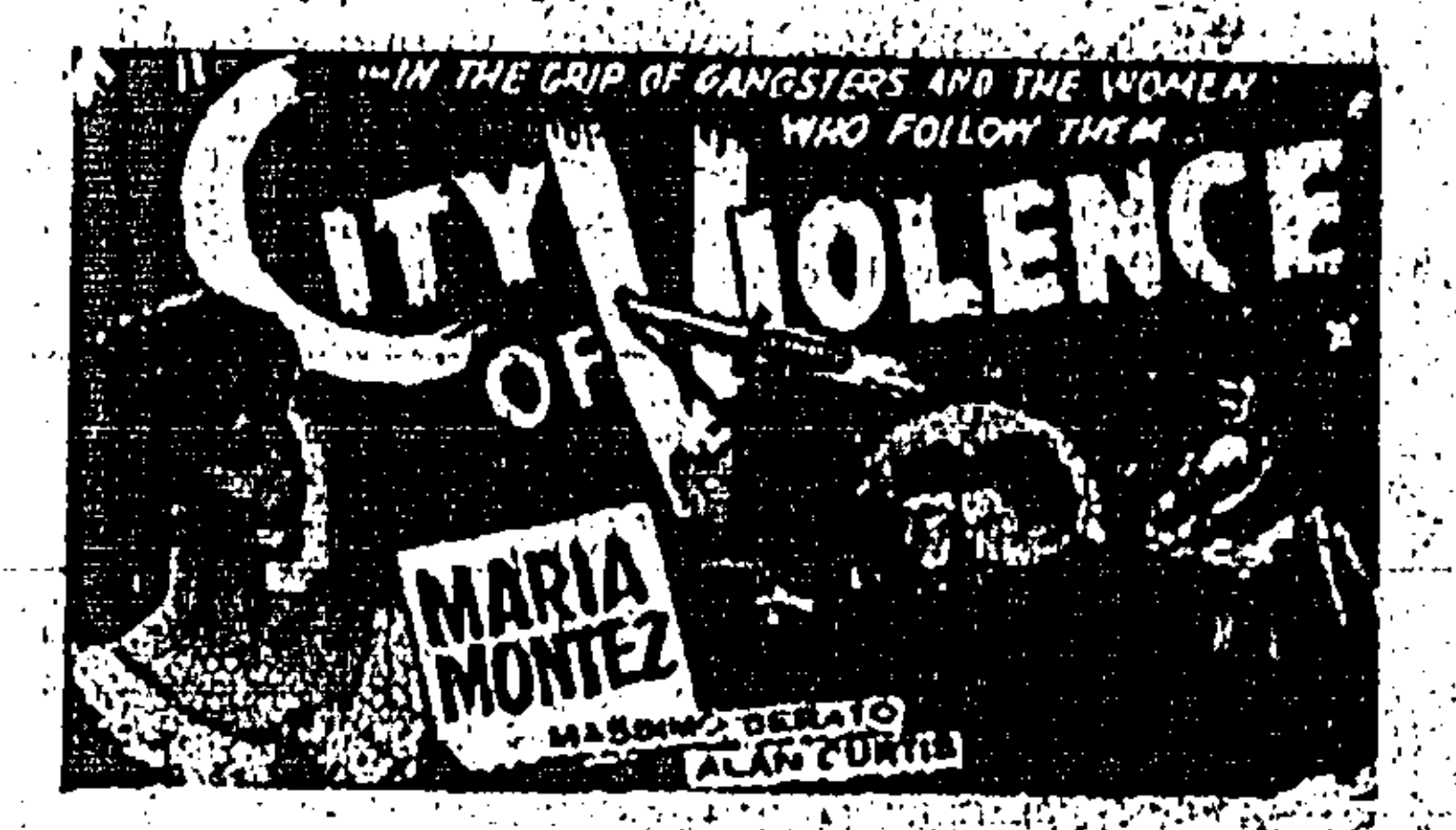


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THE GILES FAMILY, circus-bound in their studio-caravan, have been fog-bound, ice-bound, but have at last reached the circus winter quarters at Ascot where they will be living for a while. Nevertheless, there will be a slight delay with funny jokes about circuses while a certain amount of thawing-out takes place. London Express Service

THE OLD MARSHAL OUTLAWS 'PERKS'

SEFTON DELMER meets PAPAGOS

ATHENS. POLICE were huddled around the table in the Minister's ante-room when I arrived there. They were taking apart a time bomb. A primitive time bomb, but a time bomb.

"Yes," said my friend, Panayotis Sfinelos, the Minister I had come to see, after he had offered me the customary coffee. "The bomb was found five minutes ago in a cubby hole next to my office. Just in time, too, the police tell me."

Well, I am delighted to be able to report the failure of this first time bomb attempt against Greece's few-weeks-old Government.

But from all I have learned since my arrival here from Egypt there are many more time bombs waiting to go off under the Cabinet of 69-year-old Field-Marshal Papagos. And these other time bombs may be more dangerous, for they are political.

Yes, despite the fact that the field-marshal's is far away the strongest Government Greece has had since the war, despite the fact that his "Rally" has a vast majority over all other

parties combined, the marshal is in for the toughest fight of his long fighting career.

For the field-marshal, who has twice already saved his country from Italian invaders in 1940 and Communist guerrillas in 1948—is at work against thousands of political and bureaucratic grafters who have reduced Greece's economic vitality to a most perilous low.

This time he is going to war against thousands of political and bureaucratic grafters who have reduced Greece's economic vitality to a most perilous low.

"The first real test," he said, "will come three months from now. By then we shall have prepared in detail the first key measures for economic and administrative regeneration."

"Vested interests will launch powerful forces against us. Those I am most afraid of will attack from inside the Rally itself, yes, from among the

marshal's own trusted followers. And that is what will make it most dangerous.

"If we can survive this attack and carry on with our policy—which will be harsh, ruthless, and unpopular—then we are half way home."

I called on Papagos at his little house in the Athens suburb of Ekali. He lives there with his wife and family, his Alsatian dog Fritz, and a couple of green-uniformed gendarmes who guard him.

A simple supper was waiting for him on the dining-room table, a contrast to the sumptuous banquets he had been giving his Turkish visitors during their three-day visit just ended.

The marshal is remarkably vigorous and a young-looking man for his age. He was completely frank and direct.

Hangers on

EACH successive Government since the war has appointed its hangers-on and friends of its hangers-on to the Civil Service or to the staff of one of the many State-controlled and State-financed undertakings. The result is that today the Greek administrative machine is clogged with a superfluous and inefficient staff.

There are many excellent men and women in its ranks. But they are unable to do their jobs because of lazy and dishonest officials who impede them.

"This mess I am determined to clear up. Greece can never become the strong, self-reliant, and prosperous nation she deserves to be—and which she must be to play her part in defence of the West—until we have created an efficient and responsible civil administration."

"We know there are at least 20,000 officials too many. But we can't just sack them for fear of the social disturbance such a step would have. Where are they to go for a new job?"

No lists

I SYMPATHISE with him. There are more than 200,000 officials in Greece. The last coalition Government, appointed at least 20,000. But no one knows the exact figure of State employees on the pay roll, for no staff lists are kept. No one knows exactly how much they draw for their salaries, for there are no salary lists either.

THE MAJOR IS AN EXPERT ON THE CROWN JEWELS

By J. W. Taylor

MAJOR D. H. Southern, who served with the 4th Battalion the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment in the war, is one of only two men in the whole Empire who intimately knows every historic piece of Royal heirloom jewellery and Crown Regalia.

He is now a member of the firm of London jewellers doing restoration work on the Royal Regalia and Crown Jewels of Britain, some of which will be used at the Coronation of the Queen.

During the war the Major gave lectures on the Crown Jewels to many sections of the battalion posted in different parts of the garrison in Iceland. He has previously visited Buckingham Palace in connection with the regalia and fitting the crown on the late King, as he will have to in connection with the Queen's ceremony.

The Major and his craftsmen, some of whose families have handled the fabulous collection of jewels and plate for more than two centuries, are now handling the most precious collection of regalia in the world, one stone alone—the Koh-i-Noor diamond—having been insured for two million pounds. Some of the pieces are more than a thousand years old and along with the more modern items, full of some kind of kingship that has grown out of history. Each of them will have some significant part to play in the solemn act of Coronation.

Used Once

When the Queen takes from the Archbishop of Canterbury the Sceptre, the emblem of Queenly power and Justice, it will be the only time in her reign that she will do so; it will not be used again until the reign ends. Known as the Barulium Sceptre, it has at its head under a jewelled cross the major portion of the Cullinan diamond, the Star of Africa—which was cut into four pieces by order of King Edward VII, after the original, an enormous stone weighing over 3½ pounds, had been given to him by the Transvaal Government in November 1907.

The Koh-i-Noor, said to date from 57 BC and to carry with it the threat of death to any man who wears it, was given to Queen Victoria by the old East India Company. She willed it to the Queen of all future monarchs, and it is set in the crown worn by Queen Consorts.

There are two State crowns—the Imperial State and the St Edward's or Coronation Crown. Oliver Cromwell ordered the original St Edward's Crown to be destroyed, and it went into the melting pot, but a great many of its famous jewels were preserved.

Charles II. later ordered the crown to be remade as close to the original as possible. It is this crown, weighing seven pounds and richly encrusted with jewels, the Queen will wear at the very moment of her Coronation.

The Imperial State Crown will be the one it is much lighter. The Queen will wear on the way to the ceremony. Its foundation is the Regal Casket composed of clusters with large diamond centres alternating with quatrefoil ornaments, all held together between plain diamond fillets.

Great Ruby

Above the circlet are four cross pates, and four fleur-de-lis, supporting four arches. These carry a diamond encrusted ball or monde, which is topped by a diamond cross-pate. In it are the Black Prince's ruby, the pearl earrings of Queen Elizabeth I, the sapphire of Edward the Confessor, and the Star of South Africa diamond, part of the famous Cullinan stone. The great ruby of the Black Prince was won in battle from Pedro, King of Castile, who had butchered his predecessor in 1367 to acquire it.

The Queen will be anointed with oil from the State Ampulla, a wonderful piece of gold carving, surmounted by a golden eagle, said to be the original Ampulla made more than fourteen hundred years ago. The chalice contains six ounces of holy oil. The accompanying silver gilt anointing spoon has four beautiful pearls in its handle and is more than a thousand years old.

Most beautiful as well as the most valuable sword in the world, the Jewelled Sword of State, has a hilt thickly encrusted with precious stones and a scabbard of gold. The Queen will accept it as a mark of homage to the Church, but will immediately hand it back upon it being redeemed by payment to the Sovereign of one hundred new shillings in a velvet bag. The sword was once missing for a quarter of a century from the regalia, and was eventually found in a wooden box at the back of a cupboard in Windsor Castle.

Great Globe

Other pieces in this vast collection to be cleaned and examined before the Coronation are the Orb, the great globe of gold signifying the supremacy of Christianity, which only the reigning Sovereign holds in the hand the Sword of Justice, carried behind the Sovereign; the Sword of State, carried in front, and the Sword of Mercy.

There is also St Edward's Staff—the Rod of Justice and Equity made of gold with a spike of steel. For that other kind of companionship he needs this Christmas, however, there will be something else. Some friends of his children have a beloved relative too—an old lady who lost her husband and brought up a son and a daughter alone.

Her memories of her partner are fainter, for she lost her husband when her children were babies. Her loneliness is of a subtler and, perhaps, even more poignant kind.

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Anyway, she will be at the Christmas party along with Will Hawkins this year.

We are hoping that her loneliness will—no, not cancel out Will Hawkins' loneliness, but mingle with it, and make it richer. We are hoping it will work.

And when the children grow too restive and noisy, or when the grown-ups become too loud and assertive, perhaps Will Hawkins will not mind too much.

He will have an experience and some memories to share with someone his own age that he can discuss at the party. He has had time to know.

A STRANGER FOR CHRISTMAS

By LEONARD MOSLEY

YOU can ease the unhappiness of a child at Christmas by the gift of a dog, or a new toy, or an invitation to a party. You can persuade shy young men, even if they are proud and difficult, to be jolled into joining in the festivities.

But what if the lonely person is old?

For old people there is often no easy solution at Christmas. It needs more than a phone call or a card of invitation. For their loneliness is probably of a different kind.

Take the case of someone I know called Mr Hawkins. This will be the first Christmas Will Hawkins has spent without his wife for 46 years. I wonder if you can realise just what that means. Not even war succeeded in separating them—until now.

For nearly half a century Will Hawkins and his wife shared every experience of a full and happy marriage. They struggled through the poverty and trials of the early years. They reared

Second chapter of a news-in-truth story appeal to "spread a little happiness" this Christmas by inviting to your home some UNEXPECTED guest by discovering yourself the pleasure of giving surprise pleasure to others.

children, and brought them to adulthood, and launched them into marriages of their own.

I have rarely seen two people so happy together—and a man so dependent on his wife—as Mr and Mrs Will Hawkins.

And this summer she died.

On the whole, Will Hawkins has taken it extraordinarily well. He has not gone to pieces. He has come out of retirement and gone back to work, so that he will not have to sit around and grieve.

But that will not prevent him—and his relatives know it—from being monstrously lonely this Christmas. Lonely in the kind of way that

not even gaiety and friendliness can cure.

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S.	"PYRRHUS"	do	17th Jan. 1953
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Ship	Destination	Departure
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"BENALBANACH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow and Antwerp	10th Jan.
"BENRECH"	Direct to Singapore, then to Genoa, London, Hull and Hamburg	20th Jan.
"BENATTOW"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama	21st Jan.
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Mistral jet over the finish line at a speed of 920 kilometres (571.657 miles) an hour. The record was officially timed. It is subject to confirmation by the aeronautical authorities.—Reuter.

Giant Christmas Cake

Tokyo, Dec. 21. A baker in Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island, exhibited a giant Christmas cake of 100,000 yen (about £2,000) worth. The cake is decorated with real jewels.—Reuter.

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CORONATION IS RELIGIOUS ACT

London, Dec. 21. The significance of the rites and regalia used in the Coronation ceremony is described by Dr Don, Dean of Westminster, writing in the Official Year Book of the Church of England.

After referring to changes in the Coronation Oath, he emphasises that the ceremony is, in Archbishop Lang's words, "from beginning to end a most solemn religious act," set within the framework of the Holy Communion service and partaking of its sacramental character.

He says that the central act of the whole ceremony is not the crowning. It is the anointing of the Sovereign. Dr Don goes on: "All these symbolic rites that follow the Anointing, such as the giving of the sword, the presentation of the Orb and the Ring and the two Sceptres culminating in the act of Coronation itself, are outward and visible signs, charged with an inward and spiritual meaning, and may, therefore, be truly said to be sacramental in intent."

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Berlin Reds

Protest

Berlin, Dec. 21. The Soviet Government has protested to the British and American commandants in Berlin against West Berlin authorities controlling parts of West Berlin's waterways, the East German news agency ADN said today.

The agency published a note sent to Major-General Charles Coleman, British Commandant, protesting against the use of the Central Research Institute for Waterways in the British sector.

The Soviet note said that the occupation of this institute is illegal and demanded that the Institute be returned to the East German authorities.—Reuter.

GESTURE BY 8TH ARMY

Seoul, Dec. 21. The 8th Army will present 3,000 toys to Korean children on Christmas morning. The toys, gift of an American manufacturer, Louis Marx, were brought to Korea by Mrs Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, when she paid a visit here last month.—Reuter.

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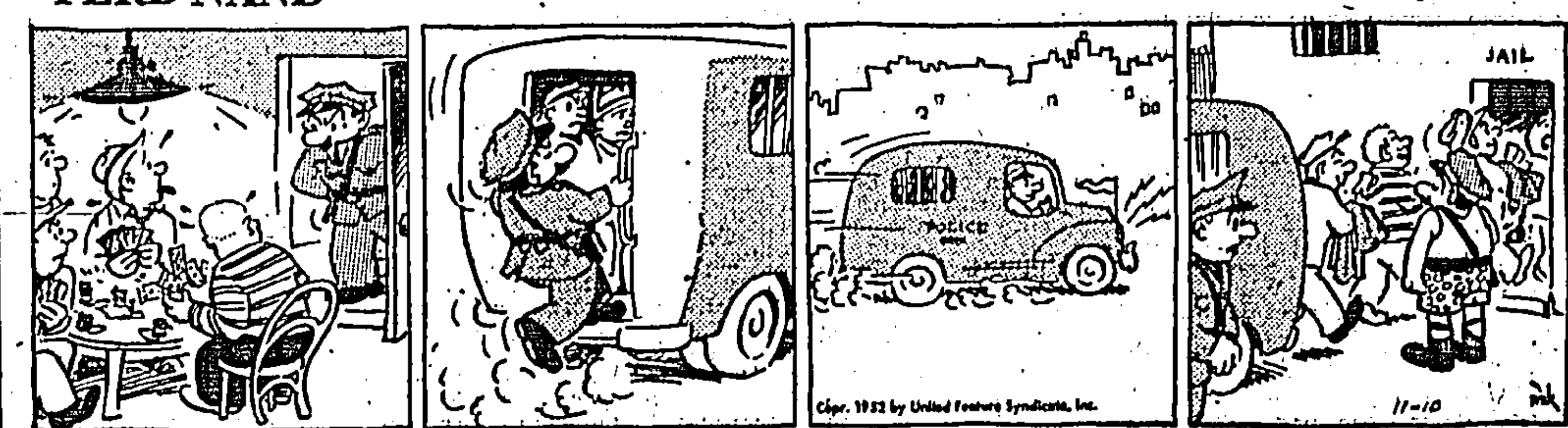
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'Presents For Ministry Wives' Story

London, Dec. 21. Gifts to the wives of Government employees were mentioned during the tenth day of the trial at Maidstone of Gordon Leonard Shiner and Dorothy Ellen Warren.

Shiner, 55-year-old managing director of Intrade, Ltd., a Brentwood, Essex, contracting firm, and Warren, 45-year-old chief accountant, have pleaded not guilty to defrauding both the company and the inland Revenue of £232,600.

The names of Mr Frank Tippler, described as a high official of the Petroleum Board, who is alleged to have been paid nearly £13,000 as "consulting fees" by Shiner, was again mentioned.

When Shiner was asked why he thought Tippler wanted the money in cash, he replied: "He may have wanted to conceal it from his wife."

Mr Justice Byrne: But she used to get nylons, did she not?—Yes, sir.

Mr Justice Byrne: I shall want to hear more about that.

Miss Warren said in evidence that in 1945 she heard a conversation between Shiner and Tippler regarding bribes when Shiner agreed to pay Tippler a consulting fee of two per cent on contracts secured.
She added: "Shiner had told me that money for Tippler for bribes would be coming up from Avonmouth and I was to put it in the safe if he was not there. One week a cheque came payable to me, and I spoke to Mr Shiner about it."
"He told me to put it into the bank and give him a cheque for the amount," she said. "I kept back £210 a week for a certain period to entertain the wives of engineers buy them presents, and such accidental things."
The trial continues.

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